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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRESS MODERATES ATTACKS ON SADAT

1. IN WAKE OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS, ALGERIAN PRESS HAS MODERATED ITS ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT SADAT, WHOM IT IS NO LONGER CALLING 'TRAITOR', AND HAS REVERTED TO MORE TRADITIONAL ATTACKS ON 'AMERICAN-SUPPORTED ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE' WHICH IT SAYS SADAT IS INCAPABLE OF OVERCOMING.

2. DEVELOPING THIS THEME, GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC "ASH-SHA'B" WRITES IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JANUARY 21: "SADAT IS INCAPABLE OF GETTING U.S. TO EXERT ANY PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO 'SOFTEN' ITS POSITION... THIS IS BECAUSE ISRAELI POSITION ON MAIN ISSUE AND RELATED PROBLEMS IS RPT IS THE AMERICAN POSITION AND BECAUSE ISRAELI-AMERICAN SIDE IS FULLY AWARE OF EMPTINESS OF SADAT'S THREATS NOW THAT HE HAS STRIPPED HIMSELF OF SUPPORT OF ARAB SOLIDARITY AND BECAME ANOTHER CARD AND TOOL OF ZIONIST-IMPERIALIST PLAN."

3. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH "EL-MOUDJAHID" ECHOES SAME THEME IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JANUARY 23 "PRESIDENT SADAT HAS COME BACK TO HIS POINT  
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OF DEPARTURE ON EVE OF THAT FATEFUL NOVEMBER 19.... HE PUT EVERYTHING ON LINE, BUT WON NOTHING FROM ADVERSARY.... WHO HOLDS STRONG CARDS THANKS TO UNCONDITIONAL FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT OF IMPERIALISM."

4. LEADING FLN WEEKLY PARTY ORGAN IN FRENCH "REVOLUTION AFRACAINE" GOES FURTHER, ALLEGING THAT U.S. DOES NOT WANT

PEACE IN MIDEAST AT ALL: "MR. SADAT, THE 'MIRACLE MAN'...  
IS NOW NOTHING MORE THAN PUPPET WHO WAGES HALF-WAR-HALF-  
PEACE.... HE HAS ONLY HIMSELF TO BLAME. AMERICAN  
PRESIDENT WAS FOLLOWING LOGICAL POLICY AS PROTECTOR AND  
ALLY OF ISRAEL AND LEADER OF SUPERPOWER SEEKING TO KEEP  
AND EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE IN THIS PETROLEUM-RICH REGION.  
PEACE COULD MEAN STOPPING OF MASSIVE ARMS SALES, AS WELL  
AS UNITY OF ARABS, WHO MIGHT THEN TURN TO OTHER ECONOMIC  
AND POLITICAL PREOCCUPATIONS... IF PEACE IS ACHIEVED,  
IT WILL SURELY NOT BE THROUGH WASHINGTON OR THROUGH SADAT."

5. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL, JANUARY 24 ISSUE OF "ASH-SHA'B"  
EVEN FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF SADAT'S RETURN TO FOLD: "SADAT  
IS LOST CAUSE UNLESS REGIMES CAN BE FOUND TO SUPPORT CON-  
FRONTATION STATES AND QUARANTEE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S  
LOYALTY TO ARAB CONSENSUS IN EVENT HE RETURNS TO IT."HAYNES

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